

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 29 new fires reported yesterday.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Lohrey, Martin and McCombs' Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas, respectively. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned in Nacogdoches, Texas. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hildreth) is beginning to set up operations at the Longview, Texas staging area. Thirty-five agencies and a total of 5,405 personnel are cooperating with the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PANAU IKI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This fire, 30 miles southwest of Hilo, HI is burning in grass and brush. Crews continue to be hampered by volcanic smog (VOG), which is being influenced by northeast trade winds. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PANAU IKI	HI	HVP	2,025	65	NR	78	3	2	1	0	732K

OUTLOOK:

Low pressure off the Virginia coast will continue to pull away from the coastline today and lingering precipitation in Virginia and North Carolina will end. High pressure will give the region a dry respite until Sunday night or Monday morning when rain is again expected to develop in the Southern Plains. Florida will have rain in the forecast today and Saturday, and Sunday may still be wet across the Florida peninsula. Mainly dry weather and moderating temperatures are expected today and Saturday for the Columbia recovery area. A weak disturbance will bring a small chance for rain today, but it will be widely scattered and very light if it occurs at all. The next wet period begins Sunday and continues into Monday.



www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp

AVIATION “WATCH OUT” SITUATIONS

As part of risk management, especially during high activity fires, each aviation manager and employee should be asking questions.

- Is the flight necessary?
- Who is in charge?
- Are all hazards identified and have you made them known?
- Should the operation or the flight be stopped due to a change in conditions? Consider the following:
 - Communications
 - Confusion
 - Personnel
 - Weather
 - Turbulence
 - Conflicting priorities
- Is there a better way to do it?
- Are you driven by the task and sense of urgency?
- Can you justify your actions?
- Are there other aircraft in the area?
- Will the pilot accept the mission?
- Are any guidelines being ignored or policies being broken?
- Are communications getting tense?
- Are you deviating from the assigned operation or flight?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		2			1		3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					88		88
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	27	0	29
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	89	0	91

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	38	5	46
	ACRES				2,165	10	2,025	4,200
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			141	30	176
	ACRES	0	1			18	12	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	5			37	25	72
	ACRES	23	4			261	30	318
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1		1		3	7
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	121	6	129
	ACRES				1	904	67	972
Southern Area	FIRES	53		5	3	3,366	82	3,509
	ACRES	6,849		755	530	33,155	2,641	43,930
TOTAL	FIRES	62	12	5	9	3,705	151	3,944
	ACRES	6,872	5	755	2,896	34,377	4,790	49,695

Eight Year Average Fires	7,582
Eight Year Average Acres	132,058

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in February

and

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0	0			2	2
	ACRES		4	1,117			26	1,147
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						58	58
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						50	50
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			622				622
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	4	1,739	0	0	139	1,882

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	57	2			34	96
	ACRES	4	3,253	725			1,198	5,180
Northern California	FIRES	1	5	3	3		21	33
	ACRES	31	60	4,729	475		1,761	7,056
Southern California	FIRES		1				35	36
	ACRES		5				4,717	4,722
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2		1		136	142
	ACRES	413	177		1,000		4,168	5,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	4	1	11	22
	ACRES		110	125	49	26	309	619
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	26	28
	ACRES					1,200	1,006	2,206
Southern Area	FIRES	17		115	11	84	418	645
	ACRES	1,646		38,601	20,383	68,482	335,192	464,304
TOTAL	FIRES	24	70	124	19	89	683	1,009
	ACRES	2,094	3,622	44,180	21,907	69,818	348,469	490,090

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California	4		2			1			35	7
Southern California									35	396
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									49	66
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			6						64	
Southern Area	146		1		36				226	2133
Total	150	0	9	0	36	1	0	0	409	2602

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